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23, REPORT ON TRADE UNION EXPERTS MEETING ON MULTINA-
TIONALS, NOVEMBER 1969.

1. DE VRIES, GRANDI, CUTTICA, LEA, ROBINSON, COOK AND
SCHREGLE HAVE PARTICIPATED IN OECD MEETINGS ON LABOR/
MANAGEMENT RELATIONS AND MNCS. BECAUSE OF HIS VIEWS ON
IMPORTANT ISSUE OF TRANSNATIONAL COLLECTIVE BARGAINING
(REF B), DE VRIES IS ONLY CANDIDATE MENTIONED IN REF A
TO WHOM WE WOULD GIVE FIRST PRIORITY. WE DEFER TO
LONDON'S JUDGEMENT, BUT WE WOULD PUT LEA AND ROBINSON

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IN SECOND PRIORITY. LEA HAS BEEN ARTICULATE PARTICIPANT

IN 1969 MEETING ON MNCS (REF C) AND IN RECENT TUAC MEETING ON SHORT-TERM ECONOMIC OUTLOOK (LATTER NOT DIRECTLY RELATED TO SUBJECT SEMINAR). ROBINSON WAS RAPPORTEUR 1969 MEETING.

2. MISSION SUGGESTS FIRST PRIORITY BE GIVEN TO MORRIS WEISZ, WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR OECD WORK ON INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS AND IN PARTICULAR FOR IR ASPECTS OF MNCS, AND WHO IS WELL AWARE US PRIORITIES IN THIS FIELD. WEISZ ATTENDANCE WOULD ALLOW ARTICULATE PARTICIPANT TO REPORT ON SUBJECT SEMINAR TO MANPOWER AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AND TO INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS WORKING PARTY.

3. IF SHIRAI MENTIONED PARA 7 REF A DID GRADUATE WORK AT UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AND WAS STAFF MEMBER IN JAPAN INSTITUTE OF LABOR IN MID 60'S, MISOFF RECALLS HIM AS KNOWLEDGEABLE OBSERVER OF JAPANESE INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS SCENE. TOKYO MAY WISH TO COMMENT ON SHIRAI'S FAMILIARITY WITH MNCS PROBLEMS.

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